

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was founded in 1944 as a national voice of advocacy in Washington, D.C., and today is the leading Indian rights organization, serving a broad membership of Indian nations and people; and,

WHEREAS, The National Congress of American Indians will hold its 45th Annual Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 24-28, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, The 45th Annual NCAI Convention will host delegates and guests from the vast majority of Indian country for the purpose of developing priority issues and position papers which will serve as the national Indian agenda for the new U.S. Administration and the 101st U.S. Congress; and,

WHEREAS, The Aberdeen Area, comprised of tribes with territory bordering South Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska, has hosted six NCAI Conventions--in 1949, 1954, 1963, 1968, 1978 and 1982--but this will be the first one to be held in Sioux Falls, the largest city in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Many of the former NCAI leaders have come from the Aberdeen Area, including the immediate past president, Winnebago Tribal Chairman Reuben A. Snake, Jr., and past executive directors, including noted author and attorney Vine Deloria, Jr., of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Dr. Helen Peterson and Charles E. Trimble of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the late Robert Burnett of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, along with others who have served in the top NCAI posts for a combined total of 26 years:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 24 through 28, 1988, as

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to mark the week with appropriate commemorations and to welcome the visiting delegates and encourage their worthy endeavors.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

The signature of Joyce Hazeltine, Secretary of State.
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE